

Singapore Calendar of Events 2010

Singapore is an exciting place with a full calendar of events covering a wide range of programmes from exhibitions and sports to musical performances and nightlife entertainment.

Annual events such as the Chingay Parade, Mosaic Music Festival and F1 Singapore Grand Prix are always popular, while the annual Great Singapore Sale is another not-to-be missed event.



Pongal (Harvest) Festival Jan 9-17

Originating from South India, this festival is basically a 4-day thanksgiving celebration for a good harvest. Cattle which plough the fields are honoured. Pongal Festival 2010 in Singapore sees several exciting events held over 9 days. Campbell Lane will be closed and converted into a mini village, with stalls displaying and selling various festive goods.

M1 Singapore Fringe Festival Jan 13-24

An annual festival of theatre, dance, music, visual arts and mixed media created and presented by Singaporean and international artists, this festival is themed differently each year. It aims to present the best of contemporary, cutting-edge and socially-engaged works to a discerning audience.

Chinatown Chinese New Year Celebrations Jan 23-Mar7

Chinatown is a key focal point for Chinese New Year festivities. Visitors can immerse in the Chinese cultural experience and soak in the festive atmosphere of Chinatown. The Singapore River Festival is known as one of the largest sundown party in the city area spanning through two bustling weekends. Located by Singapore River, one of the city's most prominent heritage spots, the festival will leave you spoilt for choice with an assortment of events taking place across the river.

River Hongbao Feb 12- 20

River Hongbao is Singapore's yearly signature event to usher in the Chinese New Year. Experience the rich Chinese culture and festive atmosphere of the Lunar New Year with fairytale lighting, mouth-watering food, cooking demonstrations, souvenirs from the handicraft and specialty stalls, carnival, music and dance performances. All these set against the spectacular Marina Bayfront view with fireworks makes a visit to the River Hongbao a memorable experience.

Mosaic Music Festival Mar 12 – 21

Indulge in a 10-day feast of jazz, world music, indie-pop, electronica and more at the Singapore Concert Hall, Theatre, Studios and free-for-all venues, the Outdoor Theatre and The Living Room.

Restaurant Week Mar 22-28

This is the first Restaurant Week in Asia. All about trying top cuisines at top restaurants in Singapore at a fixed low price, this trend came over from New York and is adapted in 2007 by online restaurant guide www.diningcity.com.

World Gourmet Summit Apr 11-24

If you enjoy indulging in the finest wines and delectable world cuisine, then you would want to attend this hottest of culinary events. With its emphasis on fine cuisine, great wines and unique dining, this is Southeast Asia's premier fine dining festival.

Singapore Flyer Experience Apr 22

This dinner held at the Singapore Flyer will be the first of its kind. Guests will be able to enjoy the magnificent view and delicious food while dining under the stars.



Singapore Arts Festival Mid-May-Mid Jun

The Singapore Arts Festival is an iconic, mainstay festival that is one of most cutting-edge of its kind in Asia. Themed differently each year, festival displays works from both legendary and budding artists alike while bridging gaps in language, cultures and discipline and now encompasses visuals arts, dance, theatre and music.

The Great Singapore Sale May 28 – Jul 25

Enjoy 8 weeks of fabulous shopping with up to 70% discount on just about everything, everywhere. From the central shopping belt of Orchard Road and Marina Bay to the Southern Waterfront, you'll find fantastic value on fashion, watches, jewellery, electronics and more!

Singapore River Festival 16 - 20 June

This is one of the largest sundown party in the city area spanning through two bustling weekends, when the Singapore river comes alive for revellers with an assortment of events taking place across the river. Soak in the gaiety and enjoy yourself wining and dining, gazing at fantastic aerial displays, dancing to the rhythms of the music and lots more.

Night Festival Jul 16-17

Night Festival is a night-time extravaganza of arts and culture at the heart of Singapore's heritage district. It brings night-life in Singapore beyond shopping, dining and clubbing to theatre, music, dance and the visual arts, drawing thousands of participants into the Bras Basah precinct from sundown.

National Day Parade 9 Aug

Those lucky enough to get tickets to the National Day Parade will experience some of Singapore's greatest technological advances executed in the form of parades, stunts and cinematic storytelling of Singapore's history. Alternatively, you can have a romantic night out at the newly-opened Marina Barrage, where you can enjoy a bottle of champagne and watch the spectacular fireworks from a distance.

Hari Raya Aidilfitri Celebrations Aug-Mid Sept

Muslims in Singapore commemorate their one month of fasting. During this period, the streets of Geylang Serai comes alive with lightings and bazaars which open from early afternoon to late at night. You can shop for traditional Malay costumes, hand-woven cushion covers, Persian carpets and more. Or you can personalize a sign for your room door or keychains as souvenirs for your loved ones back home, all engraved and painted by hand on finely-crafted wood. Alternatively, sample tasty local specialities such as beef rendang, vegetable curry or Malay rice cakes.

Singapore Grand Prix 24-26 Sept

Set against the magnificent backdrop of city skyscrapers, old world colonial charm and spectacular night lighting, the Singapore Grand Prix is a race not to be missed. You will have a chance not just to watch the high-octane action but also savour the luscious lifestyle that Formula One represents. Last year's race attracted major performing artistes and DJs such as Beyonce, No Doubt, the Black Eyed Peas, Jacky Cheung and Samantha Ronson - with various parties taking place across town that certainly added to the glitz and glamour of Singapore nightlife.

Rev up on Orchard Sept 17-26

Longest sports car street parade and exhibition cum entertainment as part of the Singapore GP Season coupled with a Shopping promotion on Orchard Road, Singapore.

Deepavali Oct 11-Nov 18

Also known as the 'Festival of Lights', Deepavali is basically an Indian celebration of good over evil, and light overcoming darkness. The streets of Little India are creatively decorated and lit up in bright festive colours symbolic to the Indian community. Stalls are also adorned with fragrant flowers, wreaths, traditional oil lamps and beautiful sarees. Sit at one of the roadside coffee shops, order a teh tarik (tea with milk froth) and bask in the richness of Indian culture.

ZoukOut Nov - Jan

While Singapore's nightlife is one of the city's major attractions, you would not have seen nothing yet until you've been to ZoukOut. Zouk's inimitable spirit is "One World, One Music, One Tribe, One Dance." and this decade old dance extravaganza is without a doubt one of the biggest outdoor beach parties in Asia.

Christmas in the Tropics/Christmas Lightup 20 Nov-Jan 2

This festival takes the Christmas carnival to the streets of sunny Singapore. Feast your eyes on stunning seasonal decorations, watch Street Performers go wild with their acrobatics feats, listen to choirs of cherubic children carolling, gaze at human statues roaming around freely and get amusement from stilt-walkers skipping about. Fashion fans can also enjoy street catwalks featuring models in the season's trendiest style offerings. All these add to the already bustling festival vibe in the city.

